

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LANSING

ELIZABETH HERTEL

GRETCHEN WHITMER

GOVERNOR

Date: July 24, 2023

To: Health Care Professionals

From: Christina Herring Johnson, Michigan WIC Director

New WIC Special Food and Formula Request (SFFR)

The <u>DCH-1326 WIC Special Formula/Food Request</u> (revised 6/23) has been updated and is effective June 27, 2023. Please change to the new forms immediately. Beginning December 27, 2023, medical documentation on older forms will no longer be accepted.

The new WIC Special Formula/Food Request (SFFR) will:

- Allow Health Care Providers to easily provide WIC clinics with referral anthropometric and hematological data.
- Extend prescription duration up to 12 months.
- Authorize WIC to issue a comparable formula if the one prescribed is not available (see page 2 of the WIC SFFR).
- Allow WIC professionals to determine WIC-appropriate foods if there are no specified restrictions or substitutions.

Please review the <u>updated instructions</u> for more information.

Updated WIC Authorized Formula List

Formulas listed on the list of <u>Authorized Formulas</u>, <u>updated 7/1/23</u> under the Special Formulas heading can be provided to WIC clients with medical documentation if requested by health care provider.

Please note: WIC cannot provide competitor brand (i.e., Mead Johnson) standard infant formula, even with a prescription, unless listed on the Authorized Formulas list.

Please reference the <u>Michigan.gov/WIC</u> website for the most up-to-date information for health care providers and clients.

Thank you for your partnership in providing infants and children with the nutrition support they need to grow and develop appropriately.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) does not discriminate against any individual or group on the basis of race, national origin, color, sex, disability, religion, age, height, weight, familial status, partisan considerations, or genetic information. Sex-based discrimination includes, but is not limited to, discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, sex characteristics, and pregnancy.